GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF INDIAN DELEGATION TO TURKEY
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of the Indian delegation which visited Turkey in June 2001; and

(b) the details of the talks held with this delegation alongwith the agreements signed on the occasion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Sir, Shri L.K. Advani, Home Minister, led the delegation which visited Turkey from 28.6.2001 to 30.6.2001. Apart from Home Minister, it comprised of Shri A.K.Doval, Additional Director, Intelligence Bureau, Shri R.K. Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Shri Dipak Chopra, Private Secretary to Home Minister.

(b) During the delegation level talks, there was a complete convergence of views on the dangers of international terrorism. An Extradition Treaty between the Republic of India and the Republic of Turkey was signed on 29.6.2001 by the Home Minister on behalf of the Republic of India. After talks with the Interior Minister of Turkey, Agreed Minutes were signed in which both countries agreed that there can be no justification for terrorism in any form and emphasised their determination to fight international terrorism in all its manifestations. Certain practical steps for putting in place cooperation between the security agencies of the two countries of the two countries were agreed upon.